

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7217–S7276

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1408–1418, and S. Res. 210. **Page S7261**

Measures Reported:

S. 423, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal-year budget authority. (S. Rept. No. 111–41) **Page S7258**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7227–51, S7253**

Adopted:

Leahy Amendment No. 1407 (to Amendment No. 1371), to permanently reauthorize the EB–5 Regional Center Program. **Page S7230**

Sessions Amendment No. 1371 (to Amendment No. 1373), to make the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation for aliens permanent and to improve verification of immigration status of employees. (By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S7227, S7228–30, S7230**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 220), DeMint Amendment No. 1399 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the completion of at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the southwest border by December 31, 2010. **Pages S7227–28, S7230–31**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 221), Feingold Amendment No. 1402 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require grants for Emergency Operations Centers and financial assistance for the predisaster mitigation program to be awarded without regard to earmarks. **Pages S7227, S7233–41**

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 222), McCain Amendment No. 1406 (to Amendment No. 1373),

to strike the provision relating to the Loran-C signal, as recommended by the Administration. **Pages S7243–48**

Pending:

Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7227–51, S7253**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit amounts made available under this Act from being used to amend the final rule to hold employers accountable if they hire illegal aliens. **Page S7231**

Grassley Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize employers to voluntarily verify the immigration status of existing employees. **Pages S7231–33**

Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the earmark for the City of Whitefish Emergency Operations Center. **Pages S7241, S7248–51**

Hatch Amendment No. 1428 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the religious workers and Conrad-30 visa programs, to protect orphans and widows with pending or approved visa petitions. **Pages S7241–43**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 10, 2009. **Page S7253**

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2009, that there be 10 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Tester and Kyl, or their designees; provided that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; provided further, that upon the use or